

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastoral Associate

In the Gospel today, we read of Jesus' appearance to the Apostles and Thomas' doubt, expressing in no uncertain terms that he would not believe Jesus had been raised from the dead until he put his fingers in the holes where the nails were driven through, or place his hand in Jesus' side. Perhaps the most perfect depiction of this comes from Caravaggio's *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, which depicts the moment of Thomas' belief as he probes the wounds of Jesus. His face expresses the dawning of a new faith in Jesus as



his finger is placed in Jesus' side. His eyes are bloodshot from the intense mourning he has been undergoing. His face (particularly his brow) expresses shock and amazement at what he is feeling. Perhaps he can feel Jesus' lungs as he inhales and exhales and the beating of his heart. At any rate, it is clear that Jesus is alive and not a ghost or animated corpse. Jesus, meanwhile, is patient with him, allowing this act, knowing that it will restore his faith. Two other apostles look on, making it clear that, while Thomas was the most vocal in his unbelief and the most bold in wanting verification, he was not the only one that had doubts. Emphasized in this passage, as well as the painting, is the fleshly nature of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus did not abandon his body. He did not remove the imperfections that had marked his flesh by our sins. Rather, they now transform into a sign of his love for us. A few years ago, I attended Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop Barron, the creator of the *Catholicism* TV series. He emphasized that the Gospel could be summed up in a single sentence: God became man and we killed him, but he returned to us in forgiving love. And part of his forgiving love was showing us his wounds. His wounds, inherently an ugly thing, now become a thing of beauty and an expression of love to those with faith. This is particularly emphasized in the devotion to the Divine Mercy (of which this Sunday has been named) that was promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska. Jesus appeared to her and asked her to paint an image of him as she saw. This image showed red and white rays of light coming from the open wound in Jesus' side, representing the blood and water which came from his side when his heart was pierced by a lance. The water and blood represent the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist respectively— from which we derive our life as children of God. Clearly underscoring the need for faith in light of Jesus' wounds, the painting bears the title at the bottom "Jesus, I trust in you!" This, message so eloquently represents Thomas' exclamation of "My Lord and my God!" Let us also turn to him and, with amazement and great faith, place our trust in him.

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 11:00 am

Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email
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APRIL 7, 2024
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, April 6—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, April 7—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, April 8— The Annunciation of the Lord

TUESDAY, April 9

WEDNESDAY, April 10

Noon

THURSDAY, April 11— St. Stanislaus

Noon

FRIDAY, April 12

3:00pm

SATURDAY, April 13—3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Glenn and Julia Morris

SUNDAY, April 14—3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass Assignments

4/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

3/30 & 31	Easter Vigil— 8pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 2nd Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-11;
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-55

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available for the posted times in the bulletin, on our church sign, and on our website. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office at (816) 421-2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Apr 8— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Apr 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Apr 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Apr 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 27— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Apr 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 2:00pm
- May 5— Catholic Movie Night (Fatima) at 6pm
- May 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 21— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 26— Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 1— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jun 8— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 9— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 9— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Jun 16— Communications Collection
- Jun 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Stanislaus

St. Stanislaus was born near Kraków on July 26, 1030. He was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands. Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak. He was canonized in 1253 by Pope Innocent IV. He is the patron saint of Poland and almost every Polish king in history was crowned while they knelt beside his sarcophagus.

Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, will be **Sunday, May 5th at 6pm in the Parish Hall**. Our next movie will be **Fatima: Three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to force them to recant their story.** Based on historical events. Our next movie will be **A Man For All Seasons on June 22nd**.

For Your Reflection:

You were led down to the font of holy baptism just as Christ was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb which is before your eyes. Each of you was asked, “Do you believe in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?” You made the profession of faith that brings salvation, you were plunged into the water, and three times you rose again. This symbolized the three days Christ spent in the tomb. As our Savior spent three days and three nights in the depths of the earth, so your first rising from the water represented the first day and your first immersion represented the first night. At night a man cannot see, but in the day he walks in the light. So when you were immersed in the water it was like night for you and you could not see, but when you rose again it was like coming into broad daylight. In the same instant you died and were born again; the saving water was both your tomb and your mother. Solomon’s phrase in another context is very apposite here. He spoke of a *time to give birth, and a time to die*. For you, however, it was the reverse: a time to die, and a time to be born, although in fact both events took place at the same time and your birth was simultaneous with your death.

This is something amazing and unheard of! It was not we who actually died, were buried and rose again. We only did these things symbolically, but we have been saved in actual fact. It is Christ who was crucified, who was buried and who rose again, and all this has been attributed to us. We share in his sufferings symbolically and gain salvation in reality. What boundless love for men! Christ’s undefiled hands were pierced by the nails; he suffered the pain. I experience no pain, no anguish, yet by the share that I have in his sufferings he freely grants me salvation. Let no one imagine that baptism consists only in the forgiveness of sins and in the grace of adoption. Our baptism is not like the baptism of John, which conferred only the forgiveness of sins. We know perfectly well that baptism, besides washing away our sins and bringing us the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a symbol of the sufferings of Christ. This is why Paul exclaims: *Do you not know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were, by that very action, sharing in his death? By baptism we went with him into the tomb.*

-From the Jerusalem Catecheses

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From March 25 to March 31, 2024

Plate	\$911.00
Envelopes	\$1140.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Easter	\$535.00
Holy Land	\$90.00
Candles	\$6600
Poor Box	\$35.00
Maintenance	\$115.00
Other	\$425.00

Behold KC

All are invited to BEHOLD KC: a free, public, outdoor event where we will gather as a regional community of faith from Missouri and Kansas for a historic once-in-a-generation Eucharistic celebration. BEHOLD KC will be held on May 4, 2024, from 4 to 9:30 PM at the National WWI Museum and Memorial North Lawn.

Behold KC will include a bilingual Mass, Confession, local choirs, a public Rosary, and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years!

We will not have a 4:00 Saturday Vigil Mass on this day.



The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the parish hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm.

We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or jgapileggi@gmail.com.



Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at AnnMarie@oloskc.org. If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for these intentions, please send an email request to be added to the list.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, John Pileggi

A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Thursday by Noon. Please indicate which dates you would like the notice to run. Please mail the information to the office or fax it to 816.421.6037 or email Brad at the office at bgeist@oloskc.org.

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The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall**. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to imitate Mary in serving Jesus in those they meet by advancing the Gospel. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. Our praesidium does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **May 2nd at 7pm** and we meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We are studying the Gospel of John, known as the Spiritual Gospel due to its emphasis on Christ's divinity. Our next session will explore Jn 12 and the events leading up to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. All are welcome! There is no need to have come to prior meetings to come to this one. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be announced soon and will be at St. Monica's, our sister parish. During each meeting we focus in on a special topic to explore. Our next topic will be on the Church's teachings on Mary and her importance in our salvation history. We will meet on **Saturday, April 27 at 10am** at St. Monica Catholic Church in the building across the parking lot from the church.



Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our monthly collection of these items will take place on April 13th and 14th**, and takes place on the second weekend of each month. You can leave your items in the back of the church. If you would like to help with the social outreach ministry, please contact Bill Capotosto at bcapotosto@gmail.com.